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Before the earth splinters into continents, before the first raindrops fall from the sky, only one family is destined for salvation. Denah is not among them by choice. Her husband is a disgrace, her sisters-in-law are cursed, and the family adheres to the rigid demands of an outdated God. Denah simply wants the life she deserves. She will follow her own forbidden path to fulfillment, encountering blackmail, jealousy, and betrayal along the way. What she deserves turns out to be far different than what she imagines, and she must face the tumultuous consequences of her decisions before the past and future of all mankind collide in the shadow of Noah's ark.

## **Blood of Adam Details**

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## wanderer says

The story line wasn't that outstanding, though I liked that this book was about married romance for a change. What I loved about this book was the details of the pre-flood world. I don't remember reading a book set in this time period and it fascinates me.

How civilized was Noah's generation? How did they live? What were cities like before the flood? What would a marriage celebration be like? Was creation a distant memory?

Noah and his family are ridiculed and scorned and his daughters-in-law deal with it in different ways. Methuselah still lives in this book, at going on one thousand-years-old. Renita, the servant, is a good woman, though scarred. Denah's little sister is an innocent. Noah and Carmi grew up like brothers. But every thought of man is only evil continually, the water is coming, and the Bible says only six souls were saved.

My favorite part involved the animals and how they came.

Of course, this is just one author's imaginings, but I thought she did a great job and made it an appealing setting.

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## Debra Webster says

I expected to struggle with a book in such an ancient setting. Instead I loved it. The characters captured me quickly. Ms. Neal put enough relationship difficulties in that needed solving and some that could never be solved. There were unexpected outcomes and historical accuracy. Much needed to be fictionalized because the account in the scriptures is very short. This Ms. Neal did in an engaging way.

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## Sarah says

I picked this up for free because there were a lot of positive reviews. I didn't think any book about Noah's day could come close to *The Heavens Before* while that book remains my favorite, this story was just as good in its own way. I have to give Neal a lot of credit because she did a fantastic job of not white-washing some hard topics (arrange marriage, pervasive immorality, violence, and idol worship) yet she wasn't overly graphic or make me feel dirty.

I look forward to reading the rest of this series.

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## Amy says

An interesting take on the family of Noah and the world that surrounded them before the flood, as well as an intriguing idea as to why the birth order of Shem and Japheth changes. 3.5 stars.

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## **Richard Burke says**

I ordered this book because it is set in antediluvian prehistory, and promised a good read. I was not disappointed. It started out like a romance, which is not what I usually read, but it hooked me quickly with the depth of characters, pacing, and fascinating setting. I expected I would read on and it would fizzle. It never did. Instead the tension grew, subplots tracked well with the main plot, and danger was multifaceted: emotional, physical, reputational, ethical, spiritual, and more. Given that it is a Christian novel dealing with a period which is not taught adequately in the Church (Genesis 6:1-4 and consequences) and little known by most of my Church friends, I was surprised to find the author shaped the plot around the biblical history very well. Christian young adults and older will likely find the story as captivating as I did.

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## **Sharon Broaster says**

### **Interesting**

As a work of fiction this book is engaging. I am not sure if the fact it incorporates a biblical storyline is good or bad. The author has I believe followed the account in Genesis, and there are questions answered at the end to explain where her storyline came from.

All biblical portrayals in media have some creative licence, but it is important to know what the source says. I look forward to reading the 2nd book.

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## **Eve Culley says**

I found this book to be very interesting and can safely include ending of this story as it is one that almost everyone has heard before. However, the twist is that this is a fictionalized account of the lives of Noah and his family following the Bible story. The story begins before the flood with the procuring of materials for the building of the ark, the arrival of the animals God sent and ends with the family in the ark waiting for the waters to recede. At the end of the book is a thought-provoking Q&A on Noah, the animals and possible explanations of the events.

Blood of Adam includes the customs of the day, spice and perfume markets, selling of farmers produce, and the temple practices with the other gods worshipped by the people of Noah's town. Also included is why Noah was compelled to preach, the huge undertaking and completion of building the ark, and of the probable attitude of the people toward Noah's family along with the jeering and verbal insults of barrenness hurled at the women of Noah's family by the townsfolk.

The people in the book are presented as humans who are following God's plan with all the pitfalls that includes. Overall Ms. Neal has, in my humble opinion, done justice to Noah and his family. I would encourage you to read this book.

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## **Cherei says**

I absolutely fell in love with the story! Denah and the rest of Noah's family became so real. The author spent a great deal of time researching and introduces so many of her own ideas of how Noah and his family lived in the decades as they prepared the Ark to save the critters and son's of Adam's family. It's not a preachy book at all. It's a lovely love story filled with mystery! I highly recommend reading this novel! I'm so glad I stumbled upon it in my TBR pile. Hard to believe, I purchased it five years ago... and consumed it in two nights of continuous reading. I could not put the book down. It's WONDERFUL!! So inventive and creative.

NOTE: I also wrote a separate and different review on Authors on the Air.

<https://www.facebook.com/BookReviewCr...>

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## **Barbara Keigher says**

I really enjoyed this book. I liked that it dealt with sin and forgiveness.

I also found the ideas on what life may have been like back then fascinating.

Of course, the sin nature of mankind has not changed, but the depiction of how evil it grew was well done.

A lot of lies, misunderstanding, betrayal, etc. but how with the true God, in the end to those few who believed, it all worked out for good.

I wish I could afford to read the next in the series. I certainly recommend this book.

Well written, kept my interest throughout.

I very much appreciated that it was a true Christian fiction novel. I have read some that claimed to be and there was almost no mention of God, no scripture etc. This novel however, had both and a great story as well.

I love this author.

I really like the way she depicted the animals coming to the ark in the end.

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## **Tami Kennedy says**

### **Poignant**

A very believable representation of what life may have been like during Noah's preparation for the flood. The great mercy of God, is evident in the characters heart, as is their sinful human nature. This is a story that exposes the impotence of man, in the face of God's Holy will for mankind. We have free will to choose to believe. Father God weaves the events of our lives to provide opportunities for us to see His great love for each of us. Will we choose the light of truth, or the blindness of pride?

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## **Cindy says**

I really enjoyed this book and wish I could read the rest of the series.

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## **Don Glass says**

### **Sweet, warm and fuzzy!**

A very sweet romance based around a true Biblical account. Rachel was entirely true to Scripture and added a substantial dose of human interest and romance.

Some historical details were slightly wrong, and a number of assumptions made were quite different to expectations, but not displeasing!

A nice quick read!

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## **Tony Parsons says**

2348 BC. Denah, had an arranged marriage to Japheth (Noah's son).

The marriage happened nothing elaborate.

She said goodbye to Beth (step-sister).

Shem (1st born) married Eran, & Ham married Naomi.

Other family members are: Carmi (Noah's brother), Beth (Carmi's daughter), Noah (Carmi's brother), Jael (Denah's mother-in-law).

Lamech Noah's father had died.

Fast forward the ark shown brightly in morning light.

Supplies for the 40-day voyage had been loaded.

Now to get the 1,318 animals, birds, etc. into their cages or stalls.

Adam & Eve had 33 son's & 23 daughters before she died & was buried.

Noah & his sons oversaw the help who would till/plant the earth with food.

Timber cutting & wine making was also looked after.

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written historical fiction biblical book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great biblical movie, or better yet a mini TV series. It was just OK for me so I will only rate it at 4/5 stars.

Thank you for the free author; withallmyheART publishing; EBookStage; Amazon Digital Services LLC.; book

Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

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## **Carol Mcgrath says**

### **A wonderful story**

This is a well written story about Noah and his children. Jepheth, his first born turned from God when he questioned his existence, so Noah made Shem his successor. There was a third son, Ham. Denah was given by her father as the bride of Jepheth, but she did not know if he would accept her. After there marriage she was not accepted by the women of the family and, because of this, her life, which was very different from how she grew up, was very hard for her. She wanted a child but none of the wives of Noah's children became pregnant. She decided to go to the temple of her people and became pregnant thereafter, but whose baby was it? She was banished from the home of Noah but did she make it back before the great flood? This is a wonderful story with many twists and turns which I know you will enjoy.

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## **Kathy says**

### **Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord**

And because he believed, he and his family are saved from the great flood. Not as simple as it sounds. We know about Noah's son's, but what about his daughter s in law? Did they believe in the One God or was it Noah's faith that saved them? Neal writes from the perspective of Japheth's wife. We see her struggles with belief and with her relationships with her new family. Will she survive her difficulties to be able to survive the flood?

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